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### **SECTION A (Source-Based Case Study)**

Answer all questions.

#### **Living in a Diverse Society**

Study the Background Information and the sources carefully, and then answer all the questions.

You may use any of the sources to help you answer the questions, in addition to those sources, which you are told to use. In answering the questions, you should use your knowledge of the issue to help you interpret and evaluate the sources.

**1 Study Source A.**

Are you surprised by what Source A says about how migrant workers are treated in Qatar? Explain your answer. [6]

**2 Study Sources B and C.**

To what extent are the sources different?? Explain your answer. [6]

**3 Study Source D.**

How useful is Source D as evidence on how governments respond to the rights of migrant workers? Explain your answer. [6]

**4 Study Source E.**

What is the message of this source? Explain your answer. [7]

**5 How far do the sources in the case study show that the efforts to protect the rights of migrant workers has been successful globally? Explain your answer. [10]**

## Are the efforts to protect the rights of migrant workers successful globally?

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Migrant workers move from their home countries to seek employment abroad, contributing significantly to the global economy. Various organisations and groups have taken steps to look after their rights. They include Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) such as Migrant Rights International and Human Rights Watch which advocate for fair treatment and offer legal assistance. Recently, the treatment of migrant workers in Qatar, especially in preparation for the 2022 FIFA World Cup, has drawn significant criticism for migrant worker abuse and poor working conditions. Despite reforms\* such as improving the working hours and pay, concerns about the effectiveness of the reforms continues. As such, while efforts globally have led to some improvements, the protection of migrant workers' rights remains inconsistent, highlighting the ongoing need for effective implementation and governmental support.

Study the following sources to find out if the efforts in protecting the rights of migrant workers have been successful globally.

\*reforms - changes made to laws, rules or policies to a country or system in order to improve it.

**Source A:** *Extract from an interview by British news agency Sky News with Qatar World Cup Chief Hassan Al Thawadi, who was speaking on the eve of the football finals, 18 December 2022.*

The tournament has changed perceptions of the Middle East region and transformed my country and allowed us to showcase the best in us. The progress will not end when the final whistle is blown. On the issue of migrant workers, Qatar recognised the need for changes. The working conditions were at times unacceptable and because of that, laws were put in place.

There were 414 migrant deaths on wider Qatari infrastructure from 2014 to 2020, but only three happened during the building of stadiums. But there were two deaths in accidents on World Cup-linked sites during the tournament. There is also a workers' support insurance fund that will be looking into any matters relating to unfortunate deaths and this invaluable assistance will continue beyond the World Cup.

**Source B:** *An extract from an online article published by CNA, a Singaporean multinational news channel dated 11 January 2024.*

In December 2023, 171 Bangladeshi workers in Johor were tricked into entering the country on the promise of jobs and now remain unemployed. Mr. Adrian Pereira, director of a migrant rights group said, “There is a huge number of job scams that are happening where workers are trafficked to Malaysia without jobs but using formal working visas.” A Malaysian trade union leader also told CNA that this will damage Malaysia’s image and affect investment, noting the perception that the business of bringing in foreign workers was a “gold mine” for dishonest agents and corrupt government officials. However, the government has made moves in trying to manage this problem. In May last year, three government officials working with a former minister were arrested as part of a corruption investigation into the illegal recruitment of migrant workers.

**Source C:** *An online article from the United Nations Women, published in 2023.*

Since 2016, the governments of Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, and Spain have started over 60 court cases against Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) ships. They were involved in search and rescue operations for migrant workers being transported illegally via the sea that had the aim of reducing deaths and bring migrants to safety. The captain of a Dutch rescue ship was arrested in June 2019 by Italian authorities and investigated for aiding the entry of migrants after her crew landed 40 people they had rescued. Only in December 2021 did the Italian court end the investigation after finding that the captain had “acted in compliance with the duty to rescue”. In another case a Syrian woman working with 23 other aid workers working for the Emergency Response Centre International, was arrested by the Greek government after they were involved in search and rescue operations at sea.

**Source D:** *A press release by a high-ranking government official from Singapore’s Ministry of Manpower, 2 August 2023.*

Today, every migrant worker can access quality and affordable primary medical care at 10 dedicated medical centres and affiliated clinics, as well as through 24-hour teleconsultations, under the Primary Care Plan. Based on feedback from workers, the vast majority are satisfied with the services. We also enhanced the mandatory medical insurance for workers to ensure that they are provided with the necessary healthcare services.

To strengthen support for mental well-being, a multi-stakeholder Project task force was formed to raise mental health awareness among migrant workers and improve their access to health support and care services.

**Source E:** A cartoon posted on the social media platform 'X' by a Dutch cartoonist, September 2021. The cartoon shows the experiences of migrant workers preparing the facilities for the Qatar 2022 World Cup.



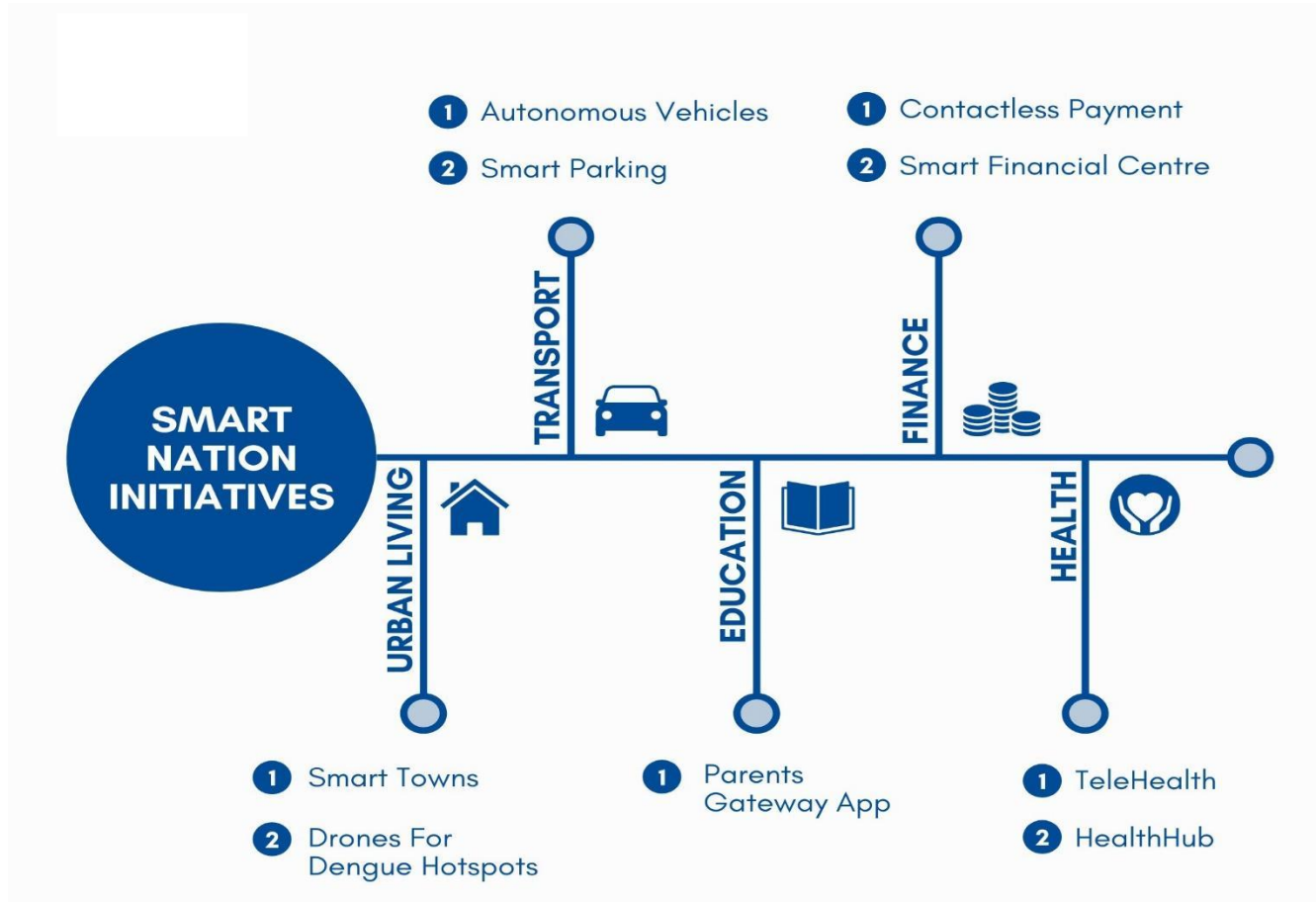
**SECTION B (Structured-Response Question)**

Answer **both** questions.

## Being Part of a Globalised World

Study the extracts carefully, and then answer the questions.

### Extract 1



### Extract 2

In a globalised world, governments can respond to economic challenges by improving infrastructure and encouraging innovation. Governments can also promote a business-friendly environment and work with other countries bilaterally and multilaterally.

### Extract 3

Individuals can respond to the economic challenges of globalisation by investing in education and skills development, seeking global job opportunities and also being adaptable to the different cultures and environments around the world.

- 6 Extract 1 shows Singapore's Smart Nation initiatives that aims to transform and benefit Singapore.

In your opinion, how can Singapore benefit from being a Smart Nation? Explain your answer with reference to **one** benefit. [7]

- 7 Extracts 2 and 3 are about the responses to the economic challenges of globalisation by governments and individuals.

Explain what governments and individuals can do to manage the economic challenges of globalisation. [8]

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